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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5572

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STATE PASS AGRICULTURE FOR FAS.

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AFIN, SY

SUBJ: CURRENCY USE PAYMENT PROVISION OF P.L. 480 AGREEMENT

DATED 11/20/74

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1. EMBASSY SINCE SEPT 8, 1975, HAS HAD CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH SARG FOR COLLECTION IN SYRIAN POUND EQUIVALENT OF DOLLARS 359,112.83. CONTACTS INCLUDED CORRESPONDENCE, MEETINGS AND TELEPHONE CALLS INVOLVING EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER AND AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE (DAMASCUS 4564).

2. CONTACTS WITH SARG WERE INTERRUPTED ABOUT 10 DAYS DUE TO ABSENCES OF MINISTERS, MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE AND MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND CLOSURE OF SARG OFFICES DECMEBER 11 THRU 15, 1975 FOR LOCAL HOLIDAYS.

3. ON DECEMBER 16, EMBASSY CONTACTED BY HUSNI DIAB, OFFICIAL IN MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE, WHO INFORMED US TO TAKE UP THE MATTER WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE. WE WILL FOLLOW-UP AND AMBASSADOR IS ALSO RAISING MATTER WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE.

4. EMBASSY IS FOLLOWING THE MATTER CLOSELY, BUT UNABLE
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TO GIVE ANY DEFINITE DATE AS TO WHEN THE COLLECTION CAN BE

EXPECTED.

5. WE STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED DOCUMENTATION PROMISED IN
PARA. 2, FASTO 04 OF NOVEMBER 20. PLEASE ADVISE.
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